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People read scripture from the Bible Thursday during National Day of Prayer services held at the Colby Community Building.

Everyone has choices

By Jay Kelley

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:32

On Dec. 26, 2004, a magnitude 9.3 earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggered tsunami waves which struck countries from Indonesia to the eastern coast of Africa, killing more than 300,000 people.

Since then, there have been at least three major tsunami waves which, although not on the scale of the 2004 quake, have done great damage with significantly less loss of life.

One of the reasons for that is an improved warning system, but the system relies on people who are ready when the warning comes to flee inland at a moment's notice. A few minutes are all some of them might have.

Jesus was asked about the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and the end of the world — two different questions with two different answers.

The destruction of the temple would come with signs, specifically the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be. Those who understood Daniel would have understood that to be a Gentile army prepared to take the city.

That happened in 69 A.D. and many Jewish Christians did indeed remember and understand the words of Daniel and Christ, leaving

the city in droves.

The second part, however, is an unknown. The time of the end of the world is not known to man, angel or even the Son of God. It is only known to God.

There will be no signs, either. Like the tsunami in 2004, people will be going about their normal daily business when destruction comes. Like the tsunami as well, some will be destroyed and some will be spared.

Unlike the tsunami we have a choice as to whether we will be destroyed or spared. That choice is rooted in acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

If you have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ and are His faithful servant, you need worry about nothing concerning his coming. He will welcome into his arms with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

If not, the words will be, "Depart, I never knew you."

It is our choice, but we must make it now.

There will be no time when He comes.

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New beginning after death

Dr. W.G. Romine, II

Nothing cleans garments like Fuller Soap; it is the Borax of yesterday. But what will we use to cleanse the soul? Only one substance, known to man, has the ability to cleanse within.

Only blood can make us white. Try wrapping your mind around that concept. If man knew the answer to his problems, would he do what is necessary to fix them? More importantly, would you?

We both know the answer for the majority. No! Most of mankind would not do what is necessary to fix the big problem in society. Man has become so self-indulgent, that sacrifice without personal gain or glory keeps him from being the solution to benefit his neighbor.

Most are not even interested in the pain of others, let alone, the effort it would take to nurture or heal them.

New Beginning is what people want for themselves, without any responsibility to change the world around them. What most really want is to reinvent themselves; to become someone different, without becoming something different. That's messed up.

If you are remade, you must become something different. But, if you are self-made, you never really changed what's inside. God wants to make us over.

We get a new heart, new mind, and a new spirit: a second chance at life, to make a difference in the world around us.

Scripture says: "I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God" -Ezekiel 11:19-20

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,

which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" -Romans 12:1-2

We can be new creations in Christ Jesus, given a second opportunity, with a clean record; a rap sheet with nothing to rap about. Really not guilty. No reason to duck and dodge authorities. The law is not looking for you! This is the new beginning promised in the Bible.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become New! -2 Corinthians 5:17

Our new beginning is not another chance to muck things up again. Don't treat this like Back to the Future," going back and forth in time to change and alter events for your own benefit. God is not a toy to be played with, neither is His investment in our lives, through the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus' Blood is what provided us a second chance at life.

Without the stain of His blood visible on us, we could never be found cleansed in the sight of God.

Our new beginning was only made possible by the death of Christ.

The only begotten son of God came to planet earth, to take us through the earth to the cross. After we embrace the cross, He will take us through the cross to His Father's throne in heaven. I can only imagine what Enoch and Elijah thought: "What a rush... What a ride!" Develop your testimony so it can take you to heaven.

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